

School Resource Officer

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S.R.O. Responsibilities/Mission

- Comes from community policing program
- Nationally known
- Prevention through physical presence, teaching, mentoring
- Resource for faculty, students, parents, COMMUNITY
- Link between schools and other agencies

School RESOURCE Officer

- Faculty
- Students
- Parents

Link Between Agencies

- Interagency, Juvenile Task Force (11-84 meetings), School Safety Committee
- Bring access to DHHS, Juvenile Court, other referral services (Region 6, Boystown)
- Information to police agencies from the schools

Blair-Specific Duties

- Before and after school-area of high school and middle school (traffic control, supervision)
- Spend time at middle school and high school between classes
- Lunch time
- First line child abuse investigations

Non-specific duties

- Develop new education programs
- Plan and oversee public relations functions
- Assist sister agencies with educational programs (sharing is caring!)
- Assist road patrol officers

Goals of the Program

- Information Sharing
- Increased opportunities for public education
- Answer the needs of students, faculty, parents
- KEEP IT GOING!!!

What we DON'T (shouldn't) do:

- School rule enforcement
- Handle behavioral cases unless safety is compromised

To be effective:

- Only officers that WANT to do it
- Extensive training on search and seizure
- Extensive training on child development
- Must handle youth differently from adults
- Must act in collaboration with schools
- NASRO training a start